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## Fulbright Finds U.S. 'Dilatory' on Berlin

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Chairman J. William Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said last night that delaying tactics by both the Eisenhower and Kennedy Administrations may have contributed to the Berlin crisis.

He said former President Eisenhower "didn't do very much" during his eight years in office about resolving disputed Allied rights of access to Berlin. The Kennedy Administration also was slow in trying to resolve the Berlin dispute with the Soviet Union, he said.

Fulbright made the remarks at Friendship Airport on his return from a European trip. He had already told a press conference in London Saturday that the United States was partially to blame for the Berlin situation.

Last night, he said negotiations to find out what the Russians really wanted in Berlin were "delayed out of consideration for the German election" last month.

Fulbright said he found British Prime Minister Harold

Macmillan well satisfied with the United States stand on Berlin.

Fulbright said recent exploratory talks between Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko were a move in the right direction.

"We should try to find out what they (the Soviets) really mean," he said, by such phrases as "completely uninhibited" Allied access to beleaguered Berlin.

Fulbright said the major mistake that has come back to haunt the United States is its failure to push for precise access routes to Berlin in 1944 and 1945.

Agreed routes negotiated after Germany's collapse were informal and "highly unsatisfactory," he said. The United States cannot be too self-righteous about Berlin, he added, because American "dilatory tactics" helped contribute to the problem.

Sooner or later, he went on, the earlier mistakes must be repaired. He emphasized that he was not thereby suggesting concessions or an attitude of "turn tail and run."

Asked whether the Eisenhower Administration had handled the simmering Berlin issue properly, Fulbright said:

"I certainly don't think they did very much in eight years to the resolution of that problem."

He also said that supplying the West German army with weapons that can fire atomic warheads seemed to be a subject of very real concern, not only to the Soviets but also to Germany's neighbors.